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USUN FOR AMBASSADOR STEVENSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LOS CONSULTATION WITH SENEGAL

1. SUMMARY: OXMAN MET DEC 19 FOR FOUR HOURS WITH YOUSSEPH BARRO OF SENEGAL MISSION HERE. DISCUSSION COVERED ALL MAIN ISSUES AND REVEALED NO SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES EXCEPT ON DEEP SEABEDS AND ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. BARRO VERY APOLOGETIC ABOUT AMBASSADOR CISSE'S ABSENCE AND TOOK EXTENSIVE NOTES FOR TRANSMITTAL TO DAKAR. HE SEEMED PARTICULARLY FAMILIAR WITH DEEP SEABEDS AND FISHERIES ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

2. AFRICAN PLANS. BARRO THINKS IT IS POSSIBLE OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WILL ADDRESS LOS IN FEBRUARY, AND THAT AFRICAN POSITION WOULD THEN BE PRESENTED TO G-77 IN GENEVA THE WEEK
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BEFORE THE CONFERENCE. HE WAS VAGUE ON WHETHER AFRICANS

WOULD MEET PRIOR TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

3. STRAITS: BARRO AWARE OF SIMILARITY OF US AND GOS VIEWS AND SEEMED TO BE SEEKING ARGUMENTS TO DEAL WITH AFRICANS, INCLUDING QUOTE POLITICAL PROBLEMS UNQUOTE. OXMAN SAID THAT TERM MIGHT BE NEITHER QUOTE INNOCENT PASSAGE UNQUOTE OR QUOTE FREE TRANSIT UNQUOTE, BUT SOMETHING LIKE QUOTE UNIMPEDED PASSAGE UNQUOTE. HE NOTED EFFECT OF UK ISLANDS PROPOSAL ON PEMBA CHANNEL, AND SAID CONVERSATION WITH STATES IN MIDDLE EAST LED US TO HOPE MEANS FOR AVOIDING PREJUDICING TIRAN PROBLEM COULD BE FOUND. BARRO SAID LAST POINT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL.

4. ECONOMIC ZONE; GENERAL - BARRO UNDERSTOOD POINTS MADE ON POLLUTION FROM VESSELS AND RESIDUAL RIGHTS, AND SEEMED SYMPATHETIC. HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH DEMONSTRATION OF EFFECT OFF 200 MILE ZONE ON TANKER ROUTES OFF SOUTH AFRICA. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DEFINE POLLUTION JURISDICTION TO PREVENT INTERFERENCE WITH NAVIGATION, BUT ELIMINATION OF POLLUTION AS SEPARATE HEAD OF JURISDICTION IN 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE WOULD REQUIRE CHANGE IN ADDIS ABABA DECLARATION, WHICH IS UNLIKELY. ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, HE CLUNG TO CONSENT POSITION, NOTING FOR EXAMPLE PROBLEM OF RESEARCH BY SOUTH AFRICA, OR BY ISRAEL OFF ARAB STATES.

5. ECONOMIC ZONE - FISHERIES: LONG CONVERSATION ON OPERATION OF FULL UTILIZATION REVEALED FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) DUTY MUST BE TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, NOT TO ANY PARTICULAR STATE, IN LIGHT WORLD FOOD CRISIS.

(B) TEXT CANNOT FORCE COASTAL STATE TO NEGOTIATE WITH STATE IT DOES NOT WISH TO HAVE OFF ITS COAST (SOUTH AFRICA), ISRAEL).

(C) SENEGAL WOULD PREFER TO AVOID REFERENCE TO TRADITIONAL FISHING.

(D) IT MUST BE CLEAR THAT COASTAL STATE CONSERVATION REGULATIONS APPLY.

(E) REMUNERATION CANNOT BE LIMITED TO LICENSE FEES BUT MUST INCLUDE RIGHT TO REQUIRE LANDING OF
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"SUBSTANTIAL PART" OF CATCH IN COASTAL STATE FOR CONSUMPTION AND/OR PROCESSING, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO COASTAL STATE FISHERIES INDUSTRY.

6. CONTINENTAL SHELF: SENEGAL APPARENTLY PLANS TO PROPOSE SHELF JURISDICTION/REVENUE SHARING COMPROMISE TO AFRICAN GROUP, BUT IS UNCERTAIN OF RESULT.

7. DEEP SEABEDS: BARRO SAID THIS IS THE QUOTE MOST IMPORTANT UNQUOTE ISSUE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DID NOT SEEK ANY ADVANTAGES, ONLY FAIR PARTICIPATION IN LIGHT TECHNOLOGICAL SUPERIORITY OF A FEW STATES. HE SAID THEY REGARD RATINER FAVORABLY, WHO IS "DUR MAIS RAISONNABLE" (TOUGH BUT REASONABLE). HE VIRTUALLY ADMITTED THAT OBJECT OF QUOTE EFFECTIVE CONTROL UNQUOTE BY AUTHORITY WAS PROTECTION OF LAND BASED PRODUCERS AND REFUSED TO BDGE ON ISSUE. ADMITTING THAT SENEGAL WAS NOT A LARGE PRODUCER IN THIS CASE, AND HAD CONSUMER INTERESTS, HE SAID MOST LDC ECONOMIES TIED HEAVILY TO EXPORTS OF ONE OR TWO BASIC MATERIALS AND THEY MUST SUPPORT EACH OTHER AGAINST RISK OF ECONOMIC CATASTROPHE. HOWEVER, INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT POINT OF FLEXIBILITY WAS ON PROTECTING INVESTMENTS ONCE MADE FROM EFFECTS OF SYSTEM TO PROTECT LAND PRODUCERS; HE SAID MOST LDC'S WERE AGREED THAT QUOTE RATINER A RAISON UNQUOTE ON THIS ISSUE AND WOULD SEEK A SOLUTION, SINCE IT WAS NOT FAIR TO SUBJECT INVESTMENT OF SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS TO SUCH RISK. ABOUT ONLY ARGUMENT THAT SEEMED TO BOTHER HIM WAS THAT IF WORLD AS A WHOLE ESTABLISHED RULE THAT QUOTE BENEFIT OF MANKIND UNQUOTE REQUIRES THAT EXISTING PRODUCERS COME FIRST AGAINST NEW ENTRANTS, SOONER OR LATER EXISTING PRODUCERS WOULD SEEK TO EXTEND RULE IN REGIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT TO LAND AND ECONOMIC ZONE PRODUCTION.ABRAMS

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